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IDOC Parole Keeping Communities Safer Through Operation Safe Halloween

Indianapolis, IN (October 29, 2012) – Halloween will be safer for children across Indiana thanks to an annual statewide initiative from the Indiana Department of Correction. Operation Safe Halloween is conducted by the IDOC's Parole Service Division to closely monitor sex offenders and keep them off community streets during the youth-oriented holiday.

On October 31, paroled sex offenders in each of the state's nine Parole Districts must adhere to a special curfew and restrictions during each community's scheduled trick-r-treat hours. Sex offenders will be required to attend a mandatory meeting, turn in safety plans for the evening, or remain at home and not pass out candy. Parole staff are working with local law enforcement and other criminal justice partners within their community to ensure complete compliance and accountability.

As with previous years, sex offenders who remain at their approved residence have been advised to turn off their outside lights during the evening hours, refrain from displaying Halloween decorations, and some will post signs that they are not participating in passing out candy. All sex offenders will also be subject to unannounced home visits and compliance checks.

IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, "Our parole staff work hard every day to keep our communities safe. This initiative allows parole agents to more effectively monitor sex offenders, while keeping children safe, and giving Hoosier parents some peace of mind."

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